

## Medicare Drug Coverage – Part A, Part B, Part D

Type of Coverage	Care or Setting	Drug Type	Covered by	Comments
Original Medicare with a PDP	Hospital Inpatient or Skilled Nursing Facility	Any	Part A	Part A - generally covers all drugs provided in these settings. Part B - can pay hospitals and SNFs for most Part B drugs when a person does not have Part A., if Part A coverage for stay has run out, or if stay is not covered. Part D - can cover drugs not covered by Part B if Part A coverage for the stay has run out or the stay is not covered by Part A.
	Observation Bed, Emergency Room or Outpatient Surgery	Injectable or infusible drugs that are not usually self-administered.	Part B	Part D – Covers drugs that are usually self-administered.
	Doctor's Office	Vaccines: pneumococcal pneumonia, influenza, and Hepatitis B (for intermediate-to-high risk people).	Part B	
		All other vaccines, including Shingles vaccine*	Part D	
		Injectable/IV drugs given by a doctor and not usually self-administered	Part B	Covered by Part D if purchased at a pharmacy and administered by a doctor.
	Home	Drugs that must be administered by Medicare-covered durable medical equipment (DME), e.g., nebulizer or infusion pump	Part B	

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Original Medicare with a PDP (cont.)	Long-Term Care (LTC)	Drugs that must be administered by Medicare-covered durable medical equipment (DME), e.g. nebulizer or infusion pump	Part D	Medicare Part B does not cover DME in a Nursing Home or associated drugs.
	Home or LTC	Insulin and injection supplies (syringes, needles, alcohol swab, and gauze)	Part D	
		Immunosuppressive drugs for a person who received a <b>Medicare-covered</b> transplant	Part B – If individual had a Medicare covered transplant	Part D – when the transplant was not covered by Medicare.
		Parenteral nutrition for permanent dysfunction of digestive tract	Part B – if for a non-functioning digestive tract	Part D - for other situations
Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage (MA-PD)	Any	Any	Plan provides all Part A, Part B, and Part D covered services.	Plan will follow the same requirements as above.
MA only plan and PDP	Any	Any	MA Plan provides all Part A and Part B covered services. Part D plan covers Part D covered services.	
Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage Plan <b>and</b> elected <b>hospice care</b>	Any	Drugs for symptom control and pain relief	Part A	
		Drugs intended to cure the terminal illness	Not covered by Medicare	
		Drugs to treat condition unrelated to the terminal illness	Part D	

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Original Medicare with a PDP or Medicare Advantage Plan <b>and Medicaid</b>	Home or LTC	Drugs excluded by law from Part D	Not covered by Medicare	Drugs on state of Iowa covered list will be covered by Medicaid
	Hospital or skilled nursing facility	Drugs excluded by law from Part D	Part A	Part A coverage is subject to certain limits; drugs not covered by Part A would be covered by state of Iowa Medicaid if they are on the list of covered drugs.

## These Drugs May be Covered by Either Medicare Part B or Part D

Drug	Rules for Coverage Under Part B	Rules for Coverage Under Part D
<b>Erythropoietin</b>	If you have end-stage renal disease and need this drug to treat anemia.	For any diagnosis other than end-stage renal disease.
Some <b>drugs used in infusion pumps</b> such as insulin in an insulin pump for diabetics.	Drug is infused <b>in the home</b>	Drug is infused in a skilled nursing facility when your stay is <b>not</b> being covered by Part A. (Part D will cover drugs that do not use infusion pumps.)
Infusions to administer <b>intravenous immune globulin</b>	Treatment used for diagnosis of immune deficiency disease administered at home.	Treatment for the diagnosis other than immune deficiency disease administered at home.
<b>Oral antinausea drugs</b>	You must already be receiving Part B-covered oral cancer drugs and take the drugs within 48 hours of the oral cancer drugs.	You use the drug more than 48 hours after receiving oral cancer drugs; <b>or</b> you use the drug for other conditions.
<b>Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs</b>	Part B covers drugs used for cancer treatment.	Covered by Part D for other uses.

- \* Shingles Vaccine – The medication must remain frozen until shortly before its use, therefore you may not be able to purchase it at the pharmacy and take it to your doctor’s office, where the vaccine would be administered. Two ways this may be handled:
1. The doctor would provide the vaccine and bill the patient for the full cost. The patient would need to request a claim form from the Part D plan to be reimbursed for the vaccine.
  2. Some pharmacists are trained to give adult immunizations. The doctor would give the patient a prescription, the patient pays the copay at the pharmacy and the vaccine is given there.